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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
13 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION  
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15 THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS LLC, a  
16 Delaware limited liability company, and  
THOMAS WEISEL INTERNATIONAL  
17 PRIVATE LIMITED, an Indian company,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 BNP PARIBAS, a French corporation, BNP  
PARIBAS SECURITIES (ASIA) LIMITED,  
21 a Hong Kong company, and PRAVEEN  
CHAKRAVARTY, an individual,

22 Defendants.  
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No. C-07-6198 BZ

Action Filed: December 6, 2007

DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE  
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE AND  
REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Pursuant to Civ. L.R. 73-1(a)(1), the undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

DATED: December 20, 2007

Respectfully,

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3 I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years and not a  
 4 party to the within-entitled action; my business address is Three Embarcadero Center,  
 5 Seventh Floor, San Francisco, California 94111-4024. On December 20, 2007, I served the  
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 8 STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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 26 Nicholette N. Prince